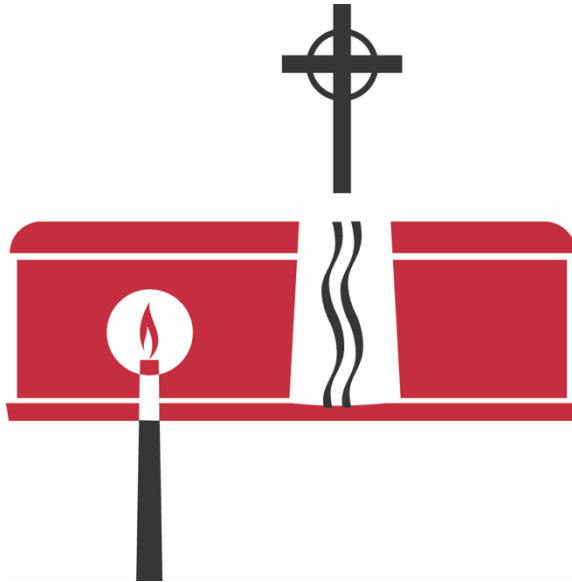


Funeral Service for
Connie Muhle
September 30, 1951 – April 24, 2022



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SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
July 26, 2022 2:00pm
Presider: Pastor Day Hefner

GATHERING

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our sister Connie Muhle, to give thanks for her life, to commend her to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Connie. We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence

and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

READING: Psalm 50:1-2, 10-11

The mighty one, God the Lord, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God shines forth in glory.

[God speaks] “All the wild animals of the forest are mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.
I know every bird of the mountains,
and the creatures of the fields are mine.”

READING: Psalm 27:1, 3-5, 7-8, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.
One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house
of the Lord all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to
seek God in the temple.
For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden
places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. My
heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.” Your face, O Lord, I will seek.

This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the
living! Wait for the Lord and be strong. Take heart and wait for the Lord!

READING: Revelation 21:1-5

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first
earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city,
the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a

bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne
saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals. God will dwell with them; they will
be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; he will
wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying
and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things
new.”

READING: Luke 12:22-24, 27-34

[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your
life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is
more than food and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they
neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God
feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!

Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you,
even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so
clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown
into the oven, how much more will God clothe you, you of little faith! And do
not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not
keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things,
and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek God’s kingdom,
and these things will be given to you as well.

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you
the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for
yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no
thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there
your heart will be also.

SERMON

CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the

kingdom of heaven to us all. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Lord’s Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

Christ meets us at this table with comfort and hope. Come to the banquet.

All are welcome at the Lord’s table, whether Lutheran or not. Wine and juice are available. If you’d like to receive a blessing instead, please come forward with arms crossed across your chest.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when we will join hands around your table with all the saints in light. Send us forth in peace to share comfort with one another and to bear witness to the hope in which we live: our living Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

COMMENDATION

Let us commend our sister, Connie Muhle, to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Connie. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

The Lord bless her and keep her.

The Lord's face shine on her with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon her with favor and give her peace.

Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her.

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in peace,

in the name of Christ. Amen.

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The afternoon will continue with the Celebration of Life for Connie at 3pm



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*"The righteous know the needs of their animals,
but even the compassion of the wicked is cruel."*

Proverbs 12:10